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A WASHER OR LID DEFINED BY A TEMPERED  
GLASS PANEL BORDERED BY AN OPEN FRAME-LIKE  
ENCAPSULATION OF ONE-PIECE INJECTION MOLDED  
POLYMERIC/COPOLYMERIC SYNTHETIC PLASTIC MATERIAL

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Contemporaneously with the refiling of this application under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(b), please amend the above-captioned application as follows: